

Figure 16

- Wages for different types of health assistants varied greatly, with mean wages for occupational therapy assistants (\$51,300) more than double the mean wages of veterinary assistants and laboratory animal caretakers (\$23,660).

- Wages within occupations also varied significantly for health assistants. For example, the 10th percentile wage for physical therapist assistants was \$31,070 and the 90th percentile was \$68,820.

- Health assistants typically have higher educational requirements than health aides, a difference that is reflected in their relative wages. The median wage for occupational therapy assistants was \$23,580 more than that for occupational therapy aides.

